

IPHM PRE-REQUISITES FOR TRAINING PROVIDERS

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WHY TRAINING PROVIDERS MATTER

Every practitioner in the IPHM community started as a student. And the quality of that training — the depth of knowledge, the ethical grounding, the practical confidence — shapes the kind of practitioner they become.

As an IPHM-accredited training provider, you are not just teaching a subject. You are shaping how holistic and beauty practice is delivered to clients around the world. That carries real responsibility, and we think it deserves real recognition.

This document sets out what IPHM requires from you in order to grant and maintain your accreditation. These are not hoops to jump through. They are a shared commitment to quality.

SUBMITTING YOUR COURSE MATERIALS

Both you as the provider and your course materials are assessed individually. You will be asked to provide full access to all content you wish to have accredited. This may include written course materials, training manuals, lesson plans, recorded sessions, or other learning resources.

Everything submitted is treated with strict confidentiality. Your materials will not be retained on file and will be permanently deleted once the assessment is complete.

All submitted content must be your own original work, or you must hold the appropriate licences and permissions for any third-party material included. You will also need to provide evidence of your own qualifications in the subjects you intend to teach.

COURSE STRUCTURE REQUIREMENTS

Courses submitted for IPHM accreditation must be well-structured, clearly presented, and built around genuine learning outcomes. We are looking for courses that actually prepare students to practise, not just to pass an exam.

Every course should include:

- A clear introduction that sets out the purpose and scope of the training
- Stated learning objectives and outcomes
- Content that covers both theoretical knowledge and practical application
- A formal assessment — minimum 20 questions with an 80% pass rate required
- A minimum of five case studies, with at least one reviewed by the provider
- Access to tutor support throughout the course

For online courses, a minimum of 30 hours of study time is required, including time spent on case study work.

HANDS-ON AND ADVANCED COURSES

Where a course involves practical, hands-on skills, the delivery method matters. Online-only training is not accepted for these. Blended learning — combining online theory with in-person or tutor-supervised practical assessment — is acceptable.

For advanced courses, students must have completed the required foundational training before progressing. Advanced qualifications should not be awarded without a clear prerequisite pathway in place.

QUALIFICATIONS AND CERTIFICATION

Once a student has completed your course and demonstrated competency through assessment and case studies, you may issue a certificate displaying the IPHM accreditation mark.

That certificate confirms the training was delivered by an IPHM-accredited provider. It does not imply the course was delivered by IPHM directly — this distinction must be clear in how you present it to students.

Students who complete your IPHM-accredited courses are automatically eligible to apply for their own IPHM practitioner accreditation. That is one of the most tangible benefits you offer them.

CERTIFICATE VS DIPLOMA LEVEL

IPHM recognises qualifications at two main levels:

- Certificate: typically 40 to 200 hours of study. Appropriate for practitioners building knowledge in a specific area or preparing for further training.
- Diploma: 150 hours or more. The most comprehensive qualification level within the IPHM framework. Diplomas should reflect in-depth coverage and significantly enhance a practitioner's professional standing.

INSURANCE

If you work with the public directly or conduct home visits as part of your teaching, you must hold valid public liability insurance. Proof of coverage must be submitted within two weeks of your provider listing becoming active. IPHM-affiliated partners can offer discounted policies.

TEACHING QUALIFICATIONS

Holding a teaching qualification is not mandatory for IPHM accreditation, but we do recommend it. The Level 3 Award in Education and Training (AET) is a widely recognised qualification that strengthens your credibility and supports better student outcomes.

IPHM members are eligible for a £100 discount on this course. Ask us for details.

MAINTAINING YOUR STANDARDS

Accreditation is an ongoing commitment, not a one-off approval. IPHM expects accredited training providers to maintain the quality of their courses, keep content up to date, respond to student feedback, and uphold the IPHM Code of Conduct at all times.

Your students' experience reflects on your accreditation. Proactive communication, clear expectations, and genuine care for learner outcomes are what distinguish great providers from average ones.

As a training provider, you have the privilege of shaping practitioners who will genuinely impact lives. The students who leave your courses carry your standards into every treatment room, every session, every client relationship. That ripple effect matters more than you might realise.

To begin your application or find out more, contact us at membership@iphm.co.uk

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